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Ukraine calls for broadening of relations with Iran

TEHRAN- Ukrainian Foreign Minister Boris Tarayuk in a message to his Iranian counterpart Kamal Kharrazi underlined his country's will for further expansion of bilateral relation with the Islamic Republic.

Tarayuk in his message has expressed confidence that his country fore-saw a bright prospect for the bolstering of cooperation between two nations and that Ukraine looked forward to an all-out cooperation in all the possible areas.

President:

Security essential for progress of country

TEHRAN - President Mohammad Khatami said on Monday that it is good to try to turn the enemy into law abiding opposition and the opposition into friends of the Islamic Republic.

Addressing the officials of the Information Ministry, President Khatami said security is an important pillar of the Islamic Republic and its progress, IRNA reported.

"Of course security does

not mean that everybody speaks in concord with the government, but, the important thing is that the people should respect the law," he said.

The president underlined the importance of freedom and said an atmosphere should prevail in the country in which everybody can express his or her own idea, but they are required to observe the law.

He said under the new atmosphere of freedom in the country, every government institution might be questioned about their obligations and performance.

"If certain organizations calculate public funds feel they are not subjected to any questions, they will do whatever they wish to."

"But, when we all understand that we are responsible (for our performance), then we will act in a more calculated manner," the president said.

He recommended that expert studies should be carried out to form a systematic relationship between the Information Ministry and the other government institutions working in the field of economy, culture and politics.

The president expressed confidence in the performance of the Information Ministry and said the ministry is required to promote its standard of activity and equip itself with modern facilities.

Minister of Information Qorbanali Dorri Najafabadi gave a report on the performance of his ministry and said the ministry has made substantial progress in the past single year since he undertook the portfolio.

Perpetrators of attack on Iranian officials arrested

TEHRAN - Some main culprits involved in attacks on Friday on two cabinet members have been identified and arrested by the law enforcement personnel, said the Interior Ministry in a statement here on Monday.

The public relations office of Interior Ministry in its statement while expressing regret over such acts of violence, lauded the people for their cooperation in identifying the culprits, IRNA reported.

Other people suspected of being involved in the assaults are now being interrogated, it said.

The Interior Ministry is responsible for safeguarding security of the country and prosecute those disturbing public order in order to deter repetition of such events.

Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Attaollah Mohajerani and Vice President for Development and Social Affairs Abdollah Nouri were beaten up by some assailants while participating in the funeral procession for 700 martyrs of the eight-year sacred defence in Tehran after Friday prayers.

Iran, UK to study joint investments

TEHRAN - British head of Iran-Britain chamber of commerce Lord Waverley said here on Monday that owners of Iranian and British small and medium-sized industries and entrepreneurs are to start negotiations on making joint investments up to Drs 2.5 million following a visit by Iranian industrialists to Britain by January.

Waverley, also member of British House of Lords, made the remark in a meeting with the head of Iranian Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines Ali-Naqi Khamoushi and deputy head of the chamber Mir Mohammad Sadeqi, IRNA reported.

He said that joint investment in small and medium-sized industries requires formation of a joint working committee to work out a timetable in relation to future cooperation.

The British official, currently visiting Iran to explore ways of expanding mutual economic and commercial cooperation, said that expansion of commercial coop-

Iranian films to be screened at Toronto Intl. Festival

TEHRAN - Three Iranian films are to be screened at Toronto International Film Festival scheduled for September 10-19. 'Silence' directed by Mohsen Makhmalbaf and 'Apple' directed by Makhmalbaf's daughter, Samira, are among the films to be screened at the festival. 'Dance of Dust' directed by Abolfazl Jalili, which was awarded three prizes at Lucarno Film Festival, is also among entries in Toronto festival. 311 films from 53 countries will be screened at Toronto festival this year.

Tehran International Trade Fair.

Recalling the historical relations between Iran and Britain, Khamoushi expressed hope that any dispute between Iran and Britain would be removed in light of the two countries' interest in establishment of economic and commercial relations.

Sadeqi said at the meeting that Britain is a suitable market for Iranian goods.

Iranian companies invited to invest in Austria

strengthening the bilateral relations.

Hasemi added that Iran with its immense capabilities in industrial field, important geo-political position, ample mines and 37 various kinds of minerals is a solid partner in the industrial and mining cooperation between the two countries.

The parliament public relations department also reported that the head of the Iran-Austria parliamentary friendship committee Manguchehr Behnia also expressed satisfaction over the presence of the Austrian delegation in Iran and called for strengthening of bilateral relations.

In a separate meeting here Monday, Maderhaner and Industries Minister Gholam-Reza Shafeei stressed the need for expansion of economic and industrial cooperation between Iran and Austria.

The two sides at the meeting discussed ways of increasing the volume of trade exchanges, expanding industrial cooperation, making use of each other's potential and preparing necessary grounds for promotion of cooperation between their commercial and trade companies.

Caspian states approve plan to protect sea environment

TEHRAN- Director General of the Environment Protection Organization Mohammad Saeed Hosseini said on Monday the five littoral states of the Caspian Sea have approved a comprehensive plan to protect the environment of the sea.

He told IRNA the plan envisaged different methods to strike a balance between exploitation of the sea resources and sustainable use of the biological wealth of the Caspian Sea.

He said Iran, Russia, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan have undertaken to adopt measures to lower pollution in the Caspian Sea which is now in a critical condition in terms of environmental criteria.

Hosseini said Iran, as the active member of the five-nation alliance will carry out programs to deal with pollution in the sea resulting from off-shore oil operations.

Seminar convenes on Anahita Temple

TEHRAN - A seminar on the ancient Anahita Temple was held in Kangavar, western Province of Kermanshah, on Monday to better introduce the historical monument.

Secretary of the seminar, Nasser Norouz-Zadeh Chetini, told IRNA that 100 scholars and researchers as well as experts of the Cultural Heritage Organization are attending the event.

During the two-day seminar which is sponsored by the Culture and Islamic Guidance Ministry, 10 specialized articles will be presented on the structure of the monument and the era to which it belongs as well as on efforts for the rehabilitation of the monument.

In excavation operations conducted in the area from 1969 to 1988, some clay works, graves dating back to the pre-Islamic time and coins belonging to the Sasanian and Parthian eras were unearthed.

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